



THE CENTER
at Sierra Health Foundation

**Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths
(RAACD)**

November 15, 2023
2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sierra Health Foundation
2150 River Plaza Dr Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95833
(Sierra Conference Room, 4th floor)
Meeting Summary Notes

Meeting Attendance

Steering Committee Members Present: Debra Cummings, Dr. Ethan Cutts, Robert Davis, Julie Davis-Jaffe, Linda Fong-Somera, Chet Hewitt, Stephanie Hopkins, Gina Roberson, Shannon Shaw, Chief Marlon Yarber

Steering Committee Members not present: Paris Dye, Keith Herron, Pastor Robert Jones, Dr. Olivia Kasirye, Ryan Quist, Tina Roberts, Kim Williams

The Center staff: Erica Allen, Jedida Gomes, Shelley Jones, Amaya Noguera, Persiasymone Simmons

Guests: Ashley Bailey, Michelle Callejas, Brandi Missouri, Abigail Nosce, Steve Wirtz

Meeting Summary

Meeting started 2:54 p.m.

Welcome and Updates

Chet Hewitt, Chair and Co-Chair, Stephanie Hopkins

Introduction: BCLC Program Officer Jedida Gomes

Shelley Jones, Managing Director, Local Initiatives

- I. Former BCLC Program Manager at GSUL Oak Park

Steering Committee Voting: New Members

Shelley Jones, Managing Director, Local Initiatives

- I. How to proceed?
 - a. Table vote until we have quorum in person
- II. *Dr. Ethan Cutts, Steering Committee Member*
 - a. C/Vs and resumes for applicants should be seen by all current members

- b. Seconded by Debra Cummings
- III. *Chet Hewitt, Chair, RAACD Steering Committee*
 - a. Voters should know which seats work best for each specific applicant

Steering Committee Meeting Time and Date

Jedida Gomes, BCLC Program Officer

- I. Mixed opinion from Steering Committee members
- II. *Shelley Jones, Managing Director, Local Initiatives*
 - a. Poll determining a possible Steering Committee meeting time/date change to be sent out soon
 - i. Virtual vs in-person?
 - b. May move to monthly meetings as Steering Committee activities pick up
 - c. Next meeting, Steering Committee member attendance will be mandatory

First 5 Sacramento Evaluation Presentation

Steve Wirtz, Ph.D., Chair of First 5 Evaluation Committee, Commissioner of First 5 Sacramento Commissioner

- I. Nearly all Blue Ribbon Commission goals were met
- II. Struggling with getting data in right direction
- III. Time to reassess BCLC goals?
 - a. 2030 as goal makes more sense pragmatically
 - i. Allows more time to consider realistic goals/how to reach them
- IV. Infant mortality has increased in recent years
- V. *Linda Fong-Somera, Steering Committee Member*
 - a. Extending goals is inline with Healthy People 2030
 - b. A good year to revisit where we're at

Post Presentation Questions and Comments

- I. What's the purpose of setting these goals?- *Dr. Ethan Cutts*
 - a. From a data point of view, we don't have a marker to monitor progress without a goal- *Steve Wirtz*
 - b. The goals are important because they show what works- *Michelle Callejas*
 - c. The data helps show the progress made and builds public will; also informs our work and creates important model in working w/ community- *Linda Fong-Somera*
- II. New areas of attention need to be considered going forward (i.e. youth suicide)- *Chet Hewitt, Chair, RAACD Steering Committee*

Public Comment and Announcements

- I. *Dr. Ethan Cutts, Steering Committee Member*
 - a. New treatment for RSV (cold that affects kids)
 - i. Message needs to be out, especially in Black communities
 - ii. Data shows 80% less hospitalized by RSV, 90% less end up in ICU due to

RSV

II. Ashley Bailey introduction

a. Director of GSUL's Youth and Families Center

Adjourn – 3:51 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 17th, 2024

Upcoming Events:

Healing the Hood: Crisis Intervention Worker Retreat/Training
January 30th - 31st, 2024

Profound Purpose Institute for BCLC
March 11th -12th, 2024

